basis. Export items include ointments, Churnas, Chyavanaprash, psyllium husk, inhalers etc.

Banning Of Certain Drugs

289. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the medical community has asked Government to ban some of the drugs;

(b) if so, what are the drugs which are being considered to be banned;

(c) what are the reasons for banning such drugs;

(d) by when the ban will be effective; and

(e) what are the reasons for the inordinate delay in banning dangerous drugs?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Requests to ban certain drugs are made from time to time by different organisations including medical associations.

(b) to (e) The process of banning drugs which are considered to be irrational or harmful is a continuous one. Various formalations are at different stages of examination by the prescribed authorities. Government will take a view once the experts recommendations are received.

Nirodh Distribution Scheme

290. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the target number for Nirodh under free distribution scheme for 1993-94;

(b) what had been the total expenditure on this;

(c) whether there is any proposal to reduce free distribution of Nirodh in a phased manner;

(d) if so, whether Government have assessed its impact on AIDS control and population control; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) 960.84 million pieces.

(b) Anticipated expenditure in 1993-94 is Rs. 60 crores.

(c) to (e) There is a proposal to promote social marketing of condoms and increase sales thereunder. The question of reducing free distribution of NIRODH does not arise without social marketing effectively replacing it.

Commercial exploitation of Brahmi Herb

291. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report in Indian Express dated 15.12.93 that Brahmi Herb will hit the market by 1995 to improve the memory and learning ability of human beings if it is commercially exploited for manufacture of the wonder drug;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be exploited commercially for the benefit of human beings in the country;

(c) how many trials had been conducted on this drug;

(d) whether it is a fact that according to Dr. Raj Kumar of Velvetti International Pharma Products Ltd., this will soon be exploited commercially either at Pondicherry or at Cuddalore; and

(e) whether he has suggested that Government of India should take up cultivation of this herb on a mass-scale in several parts of the country, if so, the

reaction of Government and steps taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir. The press report in Indian Express is dated 20th December, 1993.

(b) to (d) Drugs Controller (India) has granted permission to Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow for limited phase-I clinical trial of two constituents of Brahmi *viz.*, Bacosite 'A' and 'B' to evaluate safety and tolerance of the Drug. Department of Scientific & Industrial Research (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research) have reported that active preparation from Brahmi developed by Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow is likely to take at least three years for marketing.

(e) No such proposal has been received in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Link Women scheme in A.P.

292. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of women selected in Andhra Pradesh under link women scheme under National Family Welfare Programme; and

(b) what is the impact of the link women scheme on National Family Welfare Programme in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) "Link Women Scheme" is not in operation during 1993-94. the Scheme was not implemented in Andhra Pradesh.

Laproscopes in PHCs of Andhra Pradesh

293. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Primary Health Centres in Andhra Pradesh which are having facilities for Laproscopes/ Laparactors for undertaking sterilization;

(b) whether there is any proposal to supply Laproscopes/Laparactors in all Primary Health Centres; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) As intimated by the Government of Andhra Pradesh there are no facilities in Primary Health Centres for undertaking Laparoscopic sterilization.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Copper-T Insertions

294. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target fixed for copper-T 200-B insertions during 1992-93;

(b) what was the achievement;

(c) whether any afforts have been made for improving this system of contraception; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Target for IUD insertions: 63,84,450.

(b) Achievement: 46,83,347.

(c) and (d) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has laid down standards for Cu T-200 B.

All Cu.T 200-B being manufactured indigenously are tested at Biomedical Research Unit, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi.

Skill based training programme in IUD insertions are funded by the Central Government for training of M.O.S and female para-medical workers. Human